GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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CORRUPT PRACTICES IN CBFC
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been allegations about corruption in the Central Board of Film Certification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been carried in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to implement Mudgal Committee Report recommendations; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)

(a) to (d): Central Bureau of Investigation, Anti Corruption Branch, Mumbai has registered a case against the then Chief Executive Officer, Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), Mumbai on 12.08.2014. The officer belongs to IRPS cadre of the Ministry of Railways and was on deputation in the CBFC. During the course of investigation the role of the officer was revealed and he was arrested on 18.08.2014. Spl. CBI Court had remanded him for CBI custody till 22.08.2014. The Officer has been placed under suspension in terms of sub rule (2) of Rule 10 of Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965. The Officer has since been repatriated to his parent cadre w.e.f. 03.09.2014.

(e) & (f): Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is in the process of amending the existing provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952. The Mudgal Committee which was constituted to look into various aspects of certification under the Act among other issues has submitted its report on 28.09.2013 along with draft Cinematograph Bill. The Committee has made certain suggestions which would be examined as per extant guidelines for further necessary action.